



Atty. Docket No. 4502-1010

PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Bradley HOUGHTON et al.

Confirmation No. N/A

Serial No. 09/319,764

GROUP 3744

Filed September 9, 1999

Examiner W. Tapolcai

VALVE SYSTEMS FOR SERVO
CONTROL OF FLUID FLOWS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is being filed with a CPA. Responsive to the Official Action of February 16, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-8, 10-28 and 33-34.

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Add the following new claims:

35. (new) A fluid control valve comprising:

a valve body having at least two fluid inlet ports and
at least one fluid outlet port;

a first disk member defining at least two inlet
apertures communicating with said at least two inlet ports; and

a second disk member defining at least one outlet
aperture communicating with said at least one outlet port,

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If applicant has small entity status under 37 CFR 1.159 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.

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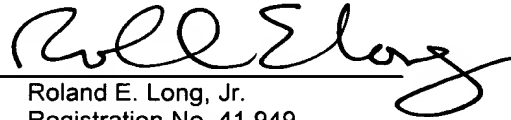
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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL LETTER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A check in the amount of \$956 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young & Thompson, as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charge the amount of \$ as filing fee.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Credit any overpayment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charge any fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, during the pendency of this application.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charge the issue fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance.



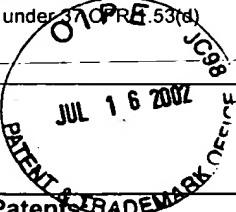
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Prior Application Examiner W. Tapolcai	Art Unit 3744		Inventors: Bradley HOUGHTON et al.																		
<p>To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:</p> <p>This is a request for a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application 09/319,764, filed on September 9, 1999, entitled: VALVE SYSTEMS FOR SERVO CONTROL OF FLUID FLOWS.</p>																					
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	NO. FILED	NO. EX-TRA	RATE	FEE																	
BASIC FEE			\$ 740	\$ 740																	
TOTAL CLAIMS	32 - 20 =	12	x \$ 18	216																	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 - 3 =	0	x \$ 80																		
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT			\$ 270																		
TOTAL				\$ 956																	

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